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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 13, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY C. JOHNSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

COMMEMORATING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. GOMEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Korean American Day, January 13.

I proudly represent Los Angeles and its Koreatown. It is the largest Korean population of any congressional district in the country.

My legislation, H. Res. 38, supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day, gives us an opportunity to

appreciate the countless contributions Korean Americans have made to this country.

On this occasion, we pay tribute to the influence Korean Americans have had on all facets of American life, from the private and public sectors to the world of art, food, education, and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Speaker, 117 years after the first Korean immigrants came to the United States, the story of the Korean American community is one of honor, inspiration, and resolve. Like other immigrant communities across the country, they have thrived through their strong work ethic, family bonds, and unbreakable spirit. I would like to thank them for entrusting me with the honor of representing them in Congress.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 38, commemorating Korean American Day.

REDUCING ANTI-SEMITISM THROUGH INCREASED EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on December 28, 2019, the Jewish community in Monsey, New York, gathered together to celebrate Hanukkah. That celebration was cut short due to a vile, anti-Semitic attack leaving five people wounded and an entire nation in shock.

Anti-Semitism is on the rise, and it is important that younger generations understand where this hate stems from and why we need to combat it. H. Res. 782 does just that.

This important resolution encourages schools to teach the history of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust and calls on law enforcement to bring the perpetrators of these attacks to justice.

We must stop these senseless acts of hate, and I encourage my colleagues on

both sides of the aisle to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to thank my colleagues, Congressmen TED BUDD and LEE ZELDIN, for their leadership in introducing this vital legislation with me.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SHEETZ FAMILY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the many accomplishments of the Sheetz family. Their family-owned chain of convenience stores, which began as a single storefront in Altoona, Pennsylvania, in 1952, has grown to include more than 600 stores.

This weekend, Sheetz was recognized as one of America's favorite restaurants. This business, which got its start in my hometown of Altoona more than six decades ago, has received significant national acclaim for its role as an American staple.

In addition to its business success, Sheetz is well-known for its commitment to local communities. As a team, Sheetz employees are marked by their commitment to community service and their dedication to local organizations, such as Special Olympics, youth sports groups, and its own employee-founded charity, For the Kidz.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to share a hometown with Sheetz, and I am honored to congratulate the Sheetz family and their incredibly hard-working team upon their achievement of being recognized as one of America's favorite restaurants.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

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declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. GARCIA of Texas) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We ask Your special blessing upon the Members of this people's House. They face difficult decisions in difficult times, with many forces and interests demanding their attention.

In these days give wisdom to all the Members, that they might execute their responsibilities to the benefit of all Americans.

Bless them, O God, and be with them and with us all this day and every day to come. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. ROSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROSE of New York led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING MS. MIMI CUSICK

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn memory of Ms. Mimi Cusick, a public servant, devoted mother, and larger-than-life figure in Staten Island politics for the past five decades.

Ms. Cusick passed away on January 5, but she leaves behind a powerful legacy in my community.

Ms. Cusick encouraged women to get involved in politics. A lifelong Staten Islander, she expressed a passion for politics at a young age and worked her way up as a behind-the-scenes force in the Staten Island Democratic Party.

And even though she was a legend among Democrats on Staten Island,

Ms. Cusick never hesitated to invite friends and neighbors of all political stripes into her home after great events like the island's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

After her children left for college, she just couldn't give up serving her community. No, Ms. Cusick worked as a school safety officer at P.S. 30 and P.S. 22 for 20 years.

Staten Island and all of New York City are going to miss Ms. Cusick's generosity of spirit, her devotion to public service, and her passion for civic engagement.

Madam Speaker, may Ms. Cusick rest in peace. She will be incredibly, incredibly missed, but we will honor her legacy for all time to come.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, Americans from all walks of life suffer because of rising healthcare costs. It is a problem that impacts everyone. H.R. 19, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act starts addressing this.

This bill fosters competition, lowers the cost of medication, and spurs innovation, allowing more generic drugs to come into the market. One way it does this is by preventing drug companies from unfairly keeping generic equivalents from people who need them.

H.R. 19 also caps prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries and includes a smoothing out mechanism allowing seniors to distribute their out-of-pocket expenses throughout the year. That is why I cosponsored H.R. 19, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act, to take the first step towards making healthcare affordable. It includes nearly 50 reforms supported by both parties, and it provides real healthcare solutions.

Madam Speaker, I urge Speaker PELOSI to bring this bill to a vote, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

JULIA TYLER AND DANCE HAPPY

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the success of a young constituent from my district whose story should make us all proud.

Julia Tyler is a 24-year-old young woman with Down syndrome. Several years ago with the support of her parents, her school district, and a job coach, Julia was able to land a job at a local boutique in preparation for her transition to the working world after graduation from high school. With the help of her job coach, she began designing totes, pillows, and table runners. She learned how to silkscreen geometric designs onto this merchandise so she could then sell them at the boutique where she worked and at local craft fairs. The boutique owner took

notice of Julia's creativity and determination, and together they cofounded a new company, Dance Happy, to market Julia's creations.

In 2019, a subsidiary of American Eagle began selling Julia's totes online for the holiday season. They quickly sold out, and a bigger order has been placed for 2020.

I am so pleased to celebrate the success of Julia, Dance Happy, her job coach, and her business partner at Compendium Boutique. Together they provide an important reminder of what can happen when we look beyond a person's disability and work together to provide opportunities for all. I am also pleased to have a successful new business in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District, a business that started in Swarthmore and is now housed in Aston, Pennsylvania.

Their success is also a great example of how the IDEA and well-funded, effective special education can prepare students with disabilities for employment in our communities.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 13, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 13, 2020, at 12:28 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1982.
That the Senate passed S. 2629.
That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 65.
That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 66.
That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 67.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 263.
That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 925.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:30 today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1630

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. KELLY of Illinois) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair